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SUBJECT: HARDENING TURKISH ATTITUDE TOWARD GREEK PARTICIPATION IN  
EC AND NATO: COUNTER-PRESSURE?

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 14507 (NOTAL), (B) USNATO 10207,  
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1. REFTELS DESCRIBE A HARDENING TURKISH ATTITUDE TOWARD  
GREECE'S ADMISSION TO FULL EC MEMBERSHIP AND REINTEGRATION  
INTO NATO'S MILITARY WING. WHILE STATEMENT REPORTED IN  
REF A CONTAINS TYPICAL INAN HYPERBOLE (THREAT TO WITHDRAW  
FROM NATO IF GREECE IS ADMITTED TO EC DOES NOT REPRESENT AGREED  
GOT POLICY, SO FAR AS WE KNOW) OVERALL INAN REFLECTED  
ACCURATELY TURKISH BITTERNESS OVER GREEK EFFORTS TO USE  
THE WEST AGAINST TURKEY, AS WELL AS THE APPARENTLY GENERAL  
FEELING WITHIN THE GOT THAT FURTHER SUCH EFFORTS SHOULD BE  
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FIRMLY OPPOSED.

2. KIRCA'S STATEMENT (REF B) THAT NO GOT COULD ALLOW  
GREEK REINTEGRATION INTO NATO'S MILITARY STRUCTURE BEFORE  
CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
(DCA), HOWEVER, CLEARLY REPRESENTS AN APPROVED GOT POSITION  
WHICH FURTHERMORE IS GETTING INCREASING PRESS ATTENTION AND

SUPPORT (REF C).

3. THIS HARDENING OF THE TURKISH POSITION PERHAPS COULD REPRESENT THE BEGINNING OF A MOVEMENT TOWARD DIRECTLY BALANCING AND COUNTERING GREEK PRESSURE AGAINST CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE US-TURKISH DCA. IN ANY EVENT, THE POSITION TAKEN BY KIRCA ON THE NATO PARTICIPATION ISSUE ALONE SUGGESTS THAT ALLIANCE COOPERATION IN THE SOUTHERN FLANK COULD BECOME TIED UP IN MORE AND MORE KNOTS THAT ONLY CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE DCA CAN CUT THROUGH.  
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